Four arrested in Holton vehicle burglaries

(KNZA)--Four people have been arrested in connection with a rash of vehicle burglaries and thefts in Holton.

Holton Police Chief Gayle Gakle says arrested Sunday were 25-year-old Angelica Courter, 28-year-old Jesse Hayes and 30-year-old Ryan Lemon, all of Holton, along with 27-year-old Brian Worrell, of Topeka.

Gakle says the arrests came after a report of a suspicious person. "With the help of some citizens, who reported a suspicious person at a residence, and when officers responded, they had a vehicle description, and they stopped the vehicle, and that's when they found several items of interest in there plus these four people."

Gakle says the vehicle burglaries date back to last month, with the majority of them occurring in the last week to week and a half. "We had 20 or 30 vehicles that had been burglarized, and we've recovered a ton of stolen merchandise and stuff that we're still trying to reunite with the proper owners once everything is completed."

Among the items taken were tools, CD players, laptop computers, GPS units and stereo equipment.

Gakle says all the vehicles involved had one thing in common—they had been left unlocked. "We try and urge people, don't leave valuables in your car, and lock your vehicle. One thing about it, if they're breaking out a window at 3:00 in the morning, somebody's probably going to hear it and they'll call."

The four arrested remain in the Jackson County Jail on charges including burglary, theft and possession of stolen property.

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